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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application for:

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For: METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING  
AN IMPROVED QUANTIZER IN A  
MULTIMEDIA COMPRESSION  
AND ENCODING SYSTEM

Examiner: David N. Werner

Group Art Unit: 2621

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated 8/22/2008, Applicants withdraw this application from Appeal and amend the patent application pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). With this response, Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for submitting this response. This extension will extend the time the response is due from 09/22/2008 to 10/22/2008.

Please find attached the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.